

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. Prior to this amendment, Claims 1-43 were pending. In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, the Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I including Claims 1-23 and 29-43 for continued prosecution. Accordingly, by the above amendment Applicant has canceled Claims 24-28 without prejudice. The Applicant expressly reserves the right to continue prosecution on the canceled Claims 24-28 in one or more Divisional Patent Applications claiming priority of the above captioned patent application. Therefore, Claims 1-23 and 29-43 are now pending.

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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